

Children's Newspaper

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BOY WHO IS ALWAYS HAPPY DOWN ON THE FARM

Most young boys have but a hazy idea of what they want to be when they grow up; but ten-year-old Peter Cornford, who lives in the Sussex village of Clapham, has never had any doubts about it. His ambition is to run a highly mechanised farm.

Peter is out on his favourite tractor every morning by half-past seven taking silage and kale to the cattle on his father's 300-acre farm.

A tractor enthusiast ever since he was "a toddler," he learned to drive one when he was only five, and it was difficult to see his head above the huge steering wheel. Now he is able to disc, harrow, roll, and cultivate with the best.

With his early morning duties accomplished and a real farmer's breakfast eaten, Peter goes off to the village school at the end of the

lane, but he sometimes admits, somewhat shyly perhaps, that his thoughts are never really very far from the land. Lessons over, he loses no time in finding a tractor job on the farm.

During the holidays he works as long as most of the other farm workers, and never refuses any job offered him. "There's nothing I wouldn't trust the lad with," says his father, jovial Mr. Boaz Cornford, "and he's as capable as any man. The only thing he has to learn now is ploughing, and he's already shown that he'll be a good hand at that, too, before long."

Peter's constant companion is eight-year-old James Collins, whose father lives and works on the farm. The two boys are methodical in everything they do, and can grease and maintain their machines in a most workmanlike manner.



Westminster's new viewpoint

Westminster is to have an office building in the form of a tower built on 18 concrete pillars 20 feet high. In the open space between the pillars there will be a paved garden, which will be open to the public by day and enclosed by shutters at night.

The tower itself will be 180 feet high, and will afford grand views over the capital.

The old flame

For several centuries a flame has burnt continuously near a Hindu temple in the Punjab, and no doubt people thought it miraculous. Now Indian geologists have been seeking for a natural explanation, and believe that oil and natural gases are the cause.

So now a heavy derrick has been drilling at a place 1000 feet above the temple in the foothills of the Siwalik mountains.

BIG GAP IN THE EARTH

Scientists have discovered that a gigantic crack, 45,000 miles long, exists in the Earth's surface. Most of it lies under the oceans.

Twenty miles wide and two miles deep, the huge fissure runs south along the sea bed from the Arctic, and down through the Atlantic, midway between the Old World and the New. South of the Cape of Good Hope it turns east, and after traversing the Indian Ocean and the Pacific, veers north to Mexico, runs through the Gulf of California, and then up the west shores of the United States and Canada as far as Alaska.

This global crack also has branches. One of them runs up the Indian Ocean to the Arabian Sea, and then curves southward again, overland, through East Africa, the Rift Valley being part of it. Another branch is in the Eastern Pacific, running to Cape Horn.

Rescuing a buffalo

WARDEN'S PROBLEM IN UGANDA

How to rescue four buffalo from an eight-foot pit was a problem that recently faced Colonel Trimmer, Warden of the Murchison Falls Game Park, Uganda.

A fully-grown female buffalo, her young calf, and two half-grown males, were found mixed up in the bottom of the pit which had been churned into a quagmire by their struggles.

It appeared from the tracks that the calf had been the first to slip into the pit. The mother had apparently slipped in while trying to rescue it, and the two males probably through curiosity.

Colonel Trimmer and his staff lassoed each of the buffaloes in turn and slowly towed them out with the lorry.

The two half-grown animals charged the lorry as soon as they were out of the pit, but then ran off into the bush. The female tried to charge, but her struggles had exhausted her. However, she was soon on her feet again.

Unfortunately, the young calf was already dead, but Colonel Trimmer said that by rescuing three out of four of the animals the ideals of the Game Parks had been maintained.

Mountaineering in the Antarctic

Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Everest and leader of the New Zealand Antarctic Expedition, evidently intends to do some spare-time mountaineering in the White South. According to Mr. Douglas McKenzie, a journalist with the expedition, Sir Edmund already "has his eye on" Mount Huggins, 12,870 feet, which lies on the far side of McMurdo Sound from Scott Base.

The leader intends to climb this mountain when crossing Antarctica to meet the British party later this year. While the New Zealanders pause to make geological studies, Sir Edmund will tackle Mount Huggins, described as having the jagged slopes and towering bluffs which thrill the climber as much as they terrify everyone else.

TV on the quiet

Patients in hospital wards where there are television sets have to listen even if they do not want to look. But a new device demonstrated in Birmingham recently can alter that. It relays the sound part of the programmes to individual patients through earphones without disturbing others in the ward.

BOOKSHELVES IN THE PARK



One of the most interesting features of Madrid's lovely El Retiro park are the open-air lending libraries, four for adults and one for children, scattered about under the trees. There are benches nearby, and each library has its librarian who notes down the names and numbers of the books and sees no one forgets to return them.

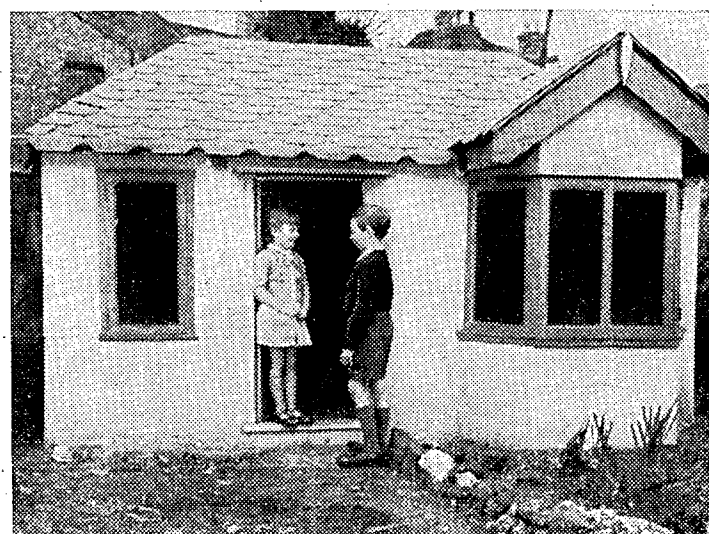
These free libraries are built like stone bookcases with iron shutters and pretty coloured tiles, and are open every day except Sundays. Below the shelves of one library is written: "These books which belong to everyone are confided to

everyone's care." Even so, most of the books are pretty battered.

The children's library contains lively picture books and fairy tales, as well as translations of such English classics as Treasure Island and Little Red Riding Hood, and there are French books, too. Some are about travel and others about history.

This park is one of the most beautiful and largest in Spain. It is in the middle of the capital, but it is so full of trees and bushes one forgets there is a city just outside the gates. In the centre is a large boating lake, and in another part bicycles and tricycles can be hired for a few pesetas.

THEIR VERY OWN BUNGALOW



These two London children, Stephen and Lena Ritchie, are the envy of all their young friends. For in their garden at Streatham is this attractive bungalow, built for them by their father.

Their dream-house is 6 feet high and 12 feet long, and soon their father will be installing a fireplace,

sideboard, sink, and dining table. Lena and her brother will then be able to entertain visitors. "We will invite Mummy and Daddy to join us for tea on Sundays," she says. "There's plenty of room."

"Yes, and Grandma and Granddad, too," adds Stephen. "We'll have a big family party."

NORWAY HONOURS A FAMOUS SON

FIFTY years ago music-lovers all over the world mourned the death of the great Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. This year, from May 24 to June 7, people from all over the world will be visiting Bergen to honour his memory by listening to his music, visiting his home, and enjoying the grand sight of mountain and fjord which inspired him.

The Bergen Symphony Orchestra and Festival Choir will be performing in the Concert Palace, and the first two days will be largely devoted to Grieg, including, of course, the famous A minor piano concerto and Tchaikovsky's Overture to Hamlet which was dedicated to him. There will also be performances by orchestras from Paris, Brussels, Prague, and the U.S.A.

Looking out from its great amphitheatre in the mountains and down its own fjords towards the open Atlantic, Bergen has long been a prosperous seaport. And long have arts flourished there. The first permanent theatre in Norway was established in Bergen, and for the Festival it is putting on The Tinker Politician by Ludvig Holberg also born in Bergen.

One feature of this Festival will be the daily recitals by well-known Norwegian artists in Edvard Grieg's own home, Troldhaugen (pronounced Trolhowen), among the woods. Visitors will hear some of his songs in the very rooms where they were composed.

It is interesting to recall that Edvard's grandfather was a Scotsman whose family name was Greig. He was a loyal supporter of Bonnie Prince Charlie, and had to leave his native land in a hurry after the final disaster of Culloden, in 1746.

Ever since Viking days there have been ties between Norway and Scotland, and Alexander Greig found refuge in Bergen. There he

settled down, married a Norwegian girl, and became English consul. His famous grandson was born there in 1843, nearly a century later, by which time the spelling of the name had been changed to Grieg.

Edvard Grieg's mother was a pianist, and his musical talent was inherited from her peasant ancestors. He was sent to study at Leipzig while still a boy, and returned to his native city to give a piano recital when only nineteen.

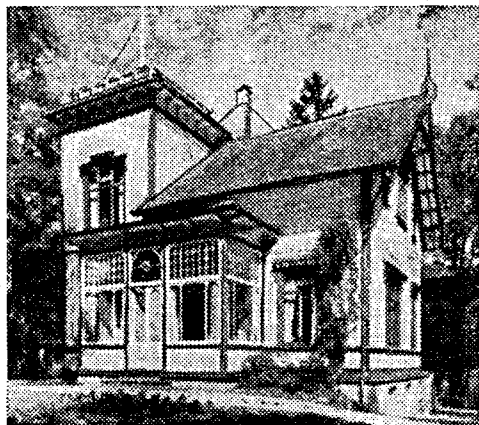
After further studies in Copenhagen and a visit to Rome, he settled in the Norwegian capital, then called Christiania. (The old name of Oslo was revived in 1924.) The government granted him a pension and the King of Norway decorated him. He played his well-loved piano concerto in London at a Philharmonic concert in 1888.

Visitors to Bergen, where he was born, spent the later years of his life, and died, can revel in the scenery which inspired his haunting, lyrical music. The steep slopes of mountains, capped with snow and skirted with forest, and the deep, still fjords are easily reached from the city which, indeed, stands in their midst.

The vast landscapes which await the visitor to the Bergen Festival will show what Edvard Grieg was thinking of in his finest moments, and fix them for ever in the mind.



Edvard Grieg



Grieg's house at Bergen

WALT DISNEY SHOWS THEM LONDON

American boys and girls are to be given a wonderful close-up of London in a new series of television films which Walt Disney is starting to produce this month.

The series, to be called Clint and Mac, is designed for a programme televised all over the U.S.

Alan Jaggs, who, as an English film editor, last worked here on Treasure Island before going to Hollywood, has been sent over here to start shooting the films. This will take about two months.

"The series will tell of the adventures of two lads who find

themselves mixed up in the daring theft of a valuable manuscript," Mr. Jaggs told a CN reporter, "and we can promise plenty of fast-moving thrills."

"But the most important thing is that we shall be showing London to American schoolchildren. The action takes place in the streets against backgrounds well known to British people. But we are sure that American children are going to be excited at a chance of seeing such places as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, the London parks, and Dockland."

Orators in the House

By the CN Political Correspondent

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL has just celebrated his jubilee—50 years—as a member of the Privy Council.

He was admitted to it in May 1907, when as a Liberal he was serving in his first Government post as Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

Most M.P.s regard a Privy Councillorship as a cherished honour. Some would place it higher than a peerage, though, like a peerage, it is granted for life.

Mr. Gladstone, the Victorian Liberal Premier, was a member of the Privy Council for 57 years. Sir Winston has belonged to it longer than any other living statesman.

EXCITED STIR

The present House of Commons has been taking the same kind of interest in Sir Winston as the later Victorian Parliaments took in Mr. Gladstone, and there is always an excited stir in the Strangers' Gallery when he enters.

Since he retired from the Premiership just over two years ago he has occupied the corner seat below the gangway on the Government side.

DANGER WARNING

Here, in the old chamber before the war, Churchill listened gloomily to those Chamberlain Government speeches which, to him, meant that Britain was not aware of the Nazi danger.

From there he directed those tremendous feats of critical oratory in which he warned the nation of its peril. But since he left 10 Downing Street he has not made a single speech in the House.

His last speech there, just before he vacated the Premiership, was a tribute to another former Premier, the first Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, when it was decided to set up a memorial to him.

How is the Commons doing now that its supreme orator no longer speaks? Sir Winston was always unique, but he had his rivals. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Opposition "shadow" Foreign Secretary, is perhaps the chief one.

BRILLIANT IMPROVISATIONS

The present Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, can usually rise to a great occasion. In addition, he takes a joy—as did Sir Winston—in Question Hour, and some of his improvisations are brilliant.

Although rarely heard in the House nowadays, Dr. Charles Hill, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, also has distinct characteristics as a speaker, though he is a better performer on radio and television (he was once known as the Radio Doctor) than as a House of Commons orator.

There are also back benchers like Mr. Leslie Hale and Mr. Emrys Hughes who frequently convulse the House with amusing speeches—and anyone who can make the Commons laugh can be said to have "arrived."

News from Everywhere

The River Lea is to be covered where it flows through Luton, Bedfordshire, so that shops and offices may be built over it.

The London Fire Brigade is to have closed-circuit television equipment to help in the control of fighting large fires.

Mr. E. Reed of Warwick has received an award for completing 55 years' work on one farm.

Ploughman and "horse"



On the isle of South Ronaldsay, in the Orkneys, there is a yearly ploughing match for boys, and their "horses" are judged too. The latter are young people dressed in an elaborate costume ornamented with brasses, bells and so on and the ploughs are working models.

The main structure of a ten-storey block of flats at Birkenhead, including the windows and floors, was put up by forty men in only 19 days.

A television transmitter and studio are to be built in Cyprus. The BBC will train producers; the Marconi Company, who are supplying the equipment, will train the technicians.

COW REARS LAMBS

A Jersey cow on a farm at Rylstone, Yorkshire, has been mothering eight orphan lambs.

Margate's centenary as a borough falls this year, and next month sees the beginning of a series of celebrations which will include a magnificent Carnival Week. One of Kent's best-known resorts, it is visited by nearly two million holiday-makers every year.

800-MILE BUS TRIP

Europe's longest bus journey comes into service in Norway next month. It will be from Saltdal, near Bodo, to Kirkenes, 800 miles away. The journey, entirely within the Arctic Circle, will take four days.

An instrument capable of weighing the ink in a full stop has been demonstrated in London.

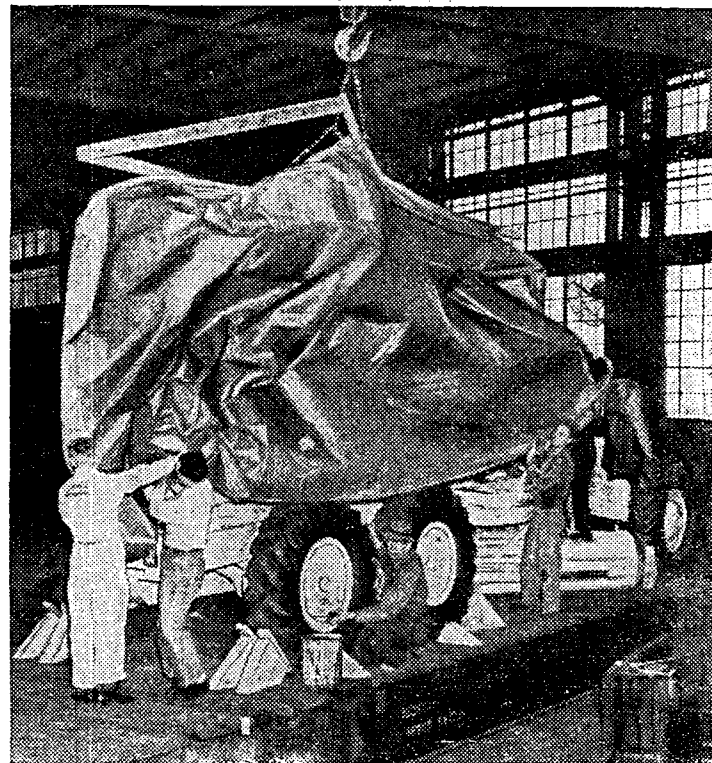
A special electric cooker with Braille instructions and warning bells has been made for blind people.

IT'S IN THE BAG!

Made to protect a huge earth-moving vehicle from the elements while on the way to a trade show, this giant paper bag is the biggest in the world. It measures 15 x 15 x 43 feet, and weighs 113 pounds.

After the machine had been driven onto a truck, a big overhead crane lifted the bag and lowered it into position.

The company that made this bag—and nine others equally big—had to make them in a special hall because they had no place large enough on their own premises. Nearly 100 yards of ten-foot-wide reinforced laminated paper was used in making the bag shown here.



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CAPS ON FOR PAY PARADE

The 17th-century Royal Navy tradition of "off caps" for pay parade has been dropped. Instead of taking off their caps and collecting the money on the crown, ratings will now salute and pick up their money in their hand, as do the Army and R.A.F.

The custom dates back to the days when the earliest form of saluting was to remove one's hat. As all sailors in those days were paid in coins, it was convenient to place them in the stockinette cap then worn. Today most of the pay is in notes, and under the old regulations could easily be blown off the flat top of a cap, where it had to be left lying as each man marched away from the pay-desk, cap in hand.

In some shore establishments ratings are being paid weekly, instead of fortnightly, with their money in sealed envelopes. As they need not draw all the money due to them, a quarterly statement is given to each man.

LIGHT IN THE PEDALS

A new safety aid for cyclists at night is now on sale in the shops. Called a Reflect-a-Pedal, it can be fitted to the bicycle pedal so that it reflects the light of overtaking vehicles. It is, of course, essential to pedal in the correct manner, with the ball of the foot and not the instep on the pedal for the light to show properly.

BAKER IN THE MAKING

Off to Switzerland shortly, to learn more about Continental bakery and confectionery, goes 18-year-old Derek Williams of Weston-super-Mare. He has won the £150 Victor Joseph Travelling Scholarship awarded by the National Association of Master Bakers.

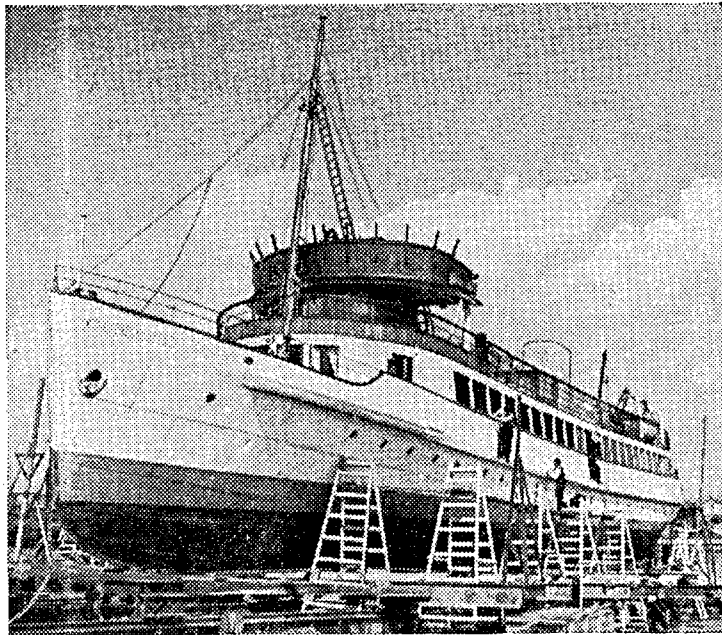
On leaving school, Derek began an apprenticeship with a firm of bakers and confectioners of High Street, Weston-super-Mare, and took a part-time course at the Bristol College of Technology. He was voted the best student of the year in both his first and second years at college.

Derek's main job at present, his father told our correspondent, is "learning French."

COON MYSTERY

A farmer at Tongland, near Kirkcudbright, shot a raccoon recently, mistaking it for a fox. This could easily happen, for it is greyish-brown in colour and has a bushy tail. Where it came from remains a mystery, for there are no raccoon farms in the country and Kirkcudbright is nearly 100 miles from the nearest zoo, so perhaps it was somebody's escaped pet.

Raccoons—the famous coons of Negro lore—are found in the forests of North America, where they are fond of making their homes in a hollow tree. They eat birds' eggs, mice, and fish—they are fine swimmers.



Overhaul for summer trips

The Crested Eagle is seen having an overhaul at Shoreham, Sussex, in preparation for her summer season's work of carrying holiday-makers between Eastbourne and Hastings with occasional trips to the Isle of Wight.

BAND ROUND THE WORLD

The band of the Irish Guards is to make a round-the-world tour in the summer and autumn. About 80 concerts will be given in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Rome. The 58 musicians, including 18 pipers and drummers, will take over 5000 lb. of equipment with them on the tour.

FROM SLAGHEAPS TO WOODLAND

The ugly piles of slag so familiar in mining districts may in time be transformed into hilly woodlands.

A report before the County Council of Derbyshire states that if all her slagheaps were placed together they would cover 1500 acres. Government grants could be obtained for planting trees which would yield useful timber.

STAMP NEWS

A PAIR of East German stamps has been issued in honour of Friedrich Froebel, pioneer of kindergarten schools, born in 1782.

NEW ZEALAND's newest stamp honours the Plunket Society (for the health of women and children), founded by the late Sir Truby King 50 years ago.

A NEW United Nations stamp comes out next Monday, May 27. It is a four-cent airmail stamp.

FUN WITH STAMPS is the title of a new book by Dianne Doubt-fire and Kay Horowicz, telling us how best to enjoy the king of hobbies. It can be specially recommended to the younger collectors. Published by Hutchinson at 9s. 6d.

CN READER WINS A PORTABLE RADIO

The Ever Ready Portable Radio Set offered in CN Competition No. 13 has been awarded to

GARETH DAVIES, Cwmdu, Crickhowell, Breconshire.

Congratulations, Gareth! Fountain-pens for next best efforts go to: Maureen Blake, Southampton; Patricia Bridgwater, Sheffield; Hilary Cornish, Northwood; Drusilla Dean, Cambridge; David Evans, Ilford; Ruth Handlen, Nottingham; Kenneth McFadden, Upperlands; Tony McMurray, Hatfield; David Ormrod, Reading; and Jacqueline Pain, Potters Bar.

Solution: 1 Sycamore; 2 Hazel; 3 Oak; 4 Laburnum; 5 Plane; 6 Alder; 7 Ash; 8 Beech.

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"Palm" Toffee offers you a wonderful chance to win a holiday on a palm covered isle. Think of it—travelling to Madeira by luxury flying-boat . . . staying in a fine hotel . . . on a real semi-tropical island. You can take Mum or Dad with you, too. Or you can have a cash prize instead if you prefer.

600 OTHER PRIZES AS WELL!

Even if you are not lucky enough to win this first prize, there are 600 consolation prizes. Now read the rules carefully.

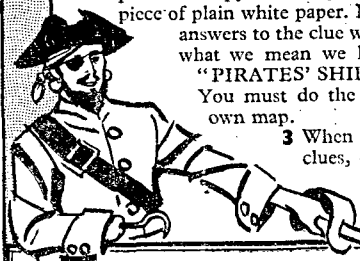
THIS IS WHAT YOU MUST DO

1 Fill in the missing letters of the clue words which you can see listed. (These are all things that you might expect to see on a pirates' island.) You will notice that these words are all numbered.

2 On the map shown here you will see that the same numbers are printed. Copy as exactly as you can the outline of this map onto a piece of plain white paper. Now paint or draw on your own map the answers to the clue words that you have solved. To show you what we mean we have answered the first clue which is: "PIRATES' SHIP" and we have drawn it in on our chart. You must do the same with the other six clues on your own map.

3 When you have painted or drawn all these clues, colour in the rest of the island and the sea around it.

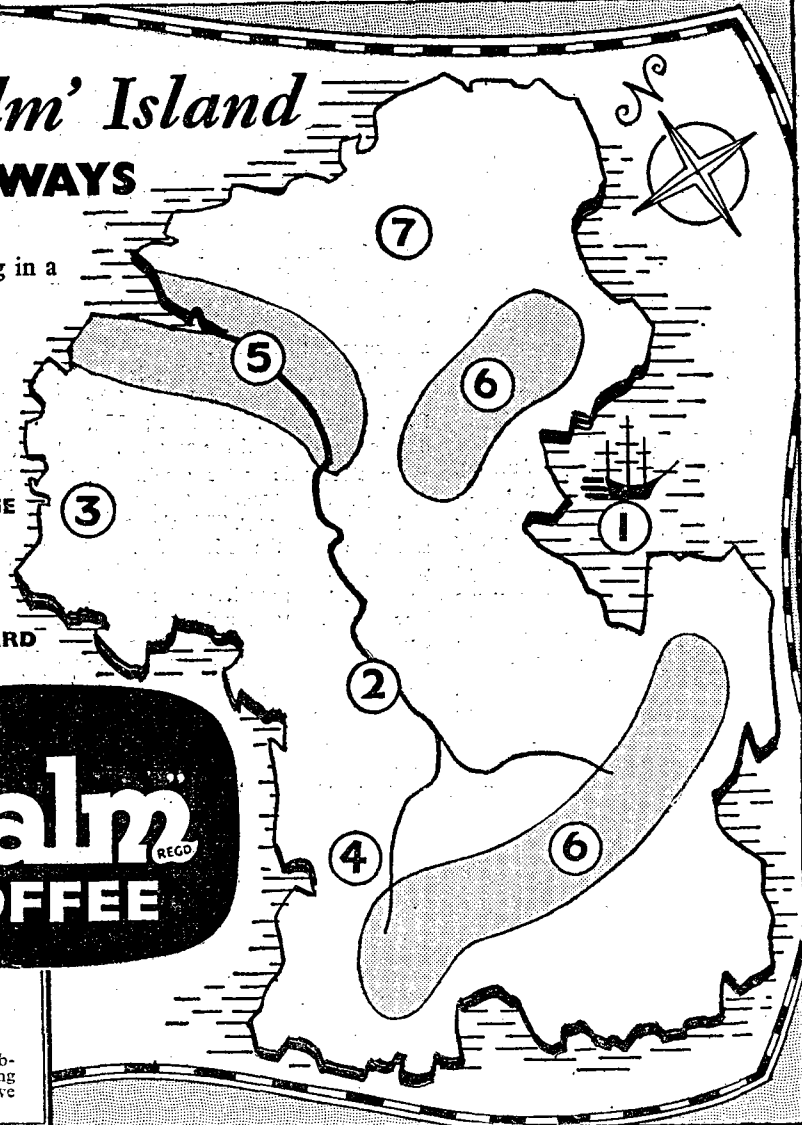
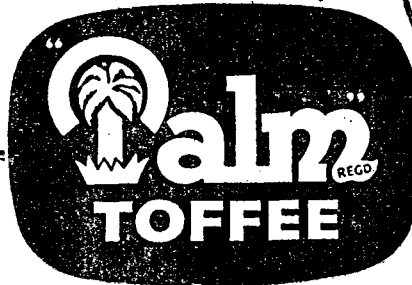
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- 5 SW-MP
- 6 M-UNTA-NS
- 7 TR-AS-RE HOARD



READ THESE RULES

- 1 Your picture can be any size and should be painted, or drawn with coloured crayons.
- 2 Children up to and including the age of 16 years are eligible for this competition. Age will be taken into account in the judging.
- 3 On the back of your map write in capital letters your name, address and age on your last birthday.
- 4 Entries will be judged by a special panel of judges including a well-known artist. Their decision will be final. You may send any number of entries but with each one you must include two wrappers from "Palm" Toffee Bars. These can be bought from all good sweet-shops.

- 5 All entries must be received by the 15th June, 1957.
- 6 No entries can be returned and no correspondence can be entered into. All entries become the property of Walters' "Palm" Toffee Limited.
- 7 Stamped entries must be posted to:—Walters' "Palm" Toffee Competition (E3) 47 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.
- 8 The name of the winner of the first prize will be published in this magazine as soon as possible after the closing date and all winners of consolation prizes will receive them by post.



ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

ITALIAN BOYS' TOWN

WHEN Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was in London recently she was a guest, at her own request, at a private showing of Father Tiger, a new A.B.C. Television film which we shall be seeing on the commercial networks in June.

It is the true story of Father Borelli, a young Italian priest who joined dangerous street gangs in Naples in order to win the confidence of destitute children. He has formed a kind of Italian Boys' Town in Naples to help the "scugnizzi," or street urchins.

Mrs. Roosevelt's interest in the film was aroused after she had read Children of the Sun, a book about Father Borelli, already published in America, by the young Australian writer Morris West. It has just been published in Britain.

Judy is an expert

HAVE you yet seen 13-year-old Judy Raymond playing with Ethel Revnell, the "Miss Nutts" of Studio E in BBC Children's TV? Judy, who won the part in an audition with many other children, is now in TV every Monday.

Born in East Ham, London, Judy started dancing lessons at the Peggy O'Farrell School when she was only four, and has been training ever since. She is an expert in



Judy Raymond

ballet, acrobatic and tap dancing, and is an ice-skater, too. In between TV rehearsals, Judy is spending a lot of time with nearly 40 of her schoolfellows filming in Blue Murder at St. Trinian's at the Shepperton Studios.

Studio E is her first BBC Television appearance, but Judy was in Running Jimmy in Independent TV a year ago, directly she reached her 12th birthday.

It's fun to travel on the Talyllyn Railway



Explaining the engine to young admirers

EVERYBODY loves playing trains.

This was proved once again with the success of The Railway Children in BBC Television. It was enjoyed equally by girls and boys. So we can expect a double ration of fun this Wednesday in the Look Programme and in Children's TV on Thursday, when BBC cameras have a roving commission on the little old Talyllyn Railway running through

mid-Wales from Cardigan Bay up into the hills of Merionethshire.

Here is a line that might well have inspired the railway cartoonist Emmet. The engines and rolling stock that run on its seven miles of narrow gauge track date from around 1850. A trip takes passengers through fields and past hedgerows with branches sweeping the sides of the coaches. The terminus has no buffers; the line simply



Puffing through the Merioneth hills

meanders through a gate and finishes in long grass.

In TV we shall meet some of the members of the Talyllyn Railway Preservation Society. You may find a parson acting as guard, and perhaps a business man doing a bit of platelaying.

These are all-Welsh broadcasts, with Wynford Vaughan Thomas and Huw Wheldon as guides, and Dafydd Gruffydd producing.

FOCUS ON FISH

A FRIEND of mine, fishing in a Welsh stream the other day, was astonished to catch a huge rainbow trout. He explained that such fish are not normally found there, but had been transported in tanks to restock the river.

How this is done will be described in a Children's Hour series Below the Surface, beginning this Thursday. Fish Farming, the first programme, will tell how British rivers are stocked with coarse fish, how trout are reared from eggs, and something about the transporting tactics which gave my friend his pleasant surprise.

Other programmes will be Sargasso Saga, the story of an eel's cycle of life; Quicksilver Salmon, about the journeys and struggle for existence of that fish; and Fresh-water Sharks, dealing with the most ferocious of all fresh water creatures, the pike, which even attacks rats and ducks.

Many a true word

VIC OLIVER told me the other day that he had great hopes for the success of a new comedy series he is sharing with Yvonne Arnaud in the Home Service, starting at 7.45 p.m. on Friday. Spoken in Jest has the unusual idea of bringing to life famous quotations and proverbs of the English language. It all happens in the home of Margot and Charles Marlow, a married couple with a rather, knowing butler, played by Horace Percival, who is perhaps more familiar to young people as Mr. Wimple in Life With the Lyons.

Code word wins toffees

A SPECIAL landline has been laid between the BBC Kirk o' Shotts TV station and Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, to guarantee good pictures for showing round the stands at the Scottish Radio Show, which opens there this Wednesday and runs until June 1.

Unluckily, the exhibition is too early for Independent TV. The ITA transmitter at Black Hill does not open until the autumn.

An electronic toffee machine is among the most fascinating gadgets in the show. This electronic salesman on the Mullard stand gives free samples when a visitor speaks the appropriate code word. The secret? An attendant carries a concealed radio transmitter; a word in the microphone is picked up on wires under the floor, actuating an electro-mechanical gate which releases the toffees.

Listening to every ball

THE England v. West Indies Test Matches are to be "on tap" by radio all day and every day of play from the first over at Edgbaston on May 30 until stumps are drawn with the last game at the Oval.

This is the first time Test Matches have been broadcast in full, ball by ball. It is made possible by using not only the Light Programme, but the Third Programme and V.H.F. This Special Service, apart from the Light, will be heard daily from 11.25 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 2.15 to 5.15 p.m. The Light transmission will be 12.30 to 1.35 p.m., and 5.15 to 6.35 p.m.

As usual, the matches will also be covered extensively on TV.

Laughter galore

IF you missed that delightful film The Secret Life of Danny Kaye when it was televised last January, there is a chance to catch up on Saturday. It is being repeated on BBC Television at 9.30 p.m.

It shows Danny on a 32,000-mile journey through three continents, putting in as many as six shows a day on behalf of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund. Half the fun of the picture is in watching children of all races and colours in fits of laughter as Danny goes through his comic acts.

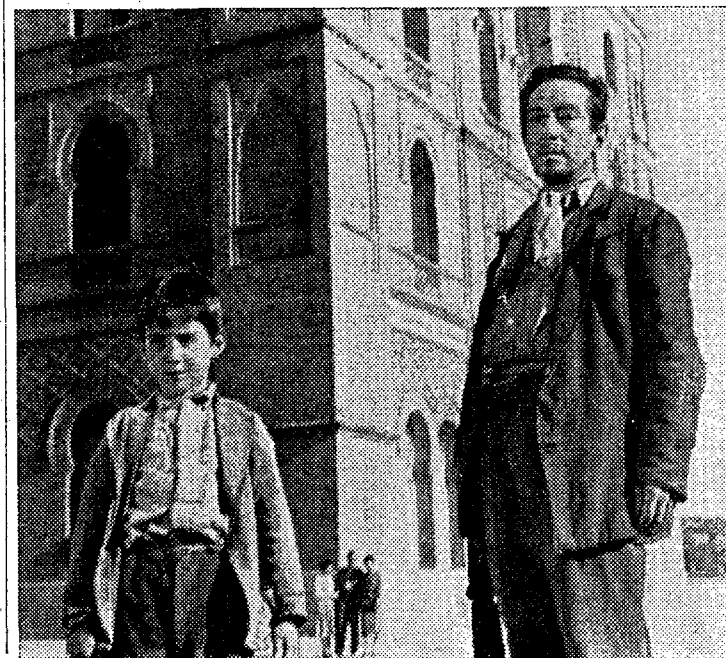
Young Spanish Film Star

THIS picture shows a celebrated seven-year-old actor, Pablito Calvo, in a scene from his latest film, Pepote.

He plays the part of a boy named Pepote who lives with his uncle, former bull-fighter Jacinto, in dire poverty on the outskirts of Madrid. When Jacinto gets a chance to re-appear in the ring, young Pepote works desperately

hard to obtain the necessary costume for him.

Pablito will doubtless capture many hearts by his sympathetic performance, and British cinema-goers need have no qualms about the bullfighting scene, for it is quite farcical. The film is in Spanish, but has English sub-titles. Recently shown in London it will shortly be generally released.



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YOUTH IN THE PICTURE AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY



Barbara, by Anthony Devas, A.R.A.



The daughters of the Earl and Countess of Rocksavage, by A. K. Lawrence, R.A.



Heide Linde, by Dame Laura Knight, R.A.



Frances Mary, by Christopher Sanders, A.R.A.



Susan and Dinah, daughters of Mr and Mrs Grenfell Bains, by Arnold Mason, R.A.



Chloë, by Henry Carr



Boy and Duck, by Richard Garbe, R.A.



The Artist and his Family, by John Walton



Stephen in a Happy Mood, by William Bloye

At the 189th Exhibition of the Royal Academy there are many attractive portraits of young people. In Room 1 the yellow and white sweater of Anthony Devas's Barbara catches the eye at once. A pretty duet of daughters is made by Susan and Dinah Grenfell Bains, the dark-haired Susan being in scarlet and Dinah in pale blue. John Walton has

chosen a beautiful landscape background of barley field and lake for his painting of himself and family. Notable among sculptures of the young are Stephen in a Happy Mood, by William Bloye, and the delightful Boy and Duck by Richard Garbe.

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GIRL WITH A SPANNER

MOST girls ride a bicycle, but it is generally father or a brother who is pressed into service for minor repairs. Tens of thousands of women drive cars, but it is their menfolk who usually put their heads under the bonnet when something goes wrong.

Yet it is in the national interest that feminine interest in such matters should be fostered. So Sir Edward Boyle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education, has been stating the need for more girls to take up engineering.

He pointed out that engineering is quite a suitable job for women. "Perhaps a lot of people imagine," he said, "that engineers spend most of their time going about in dirty overalls, whereas, of course, the professional engineer spends most of his time thinking, talking, and planning—activities which we find no difficulty in associating with women."

It certainly seems that more women technicians will be required if Britain is to keep up with her industrial rivals. So if Miss 1957 has talents for engineering, her prospects are bright. And brothers who suggest that she might begin by mending her own punctures can be ignored—as usual.

VIVE L'HONNÊTÉTÉ

FROM Dunkirk of epic fame comes this sad little story with a happy ending.

It concerns a woman who was hurrying on her auto-cycle the other day to put a million francs (£1000) in the bank. But the paved roads, "les pavés," of that region are notoriously bumpy, and the satchel on Madame's back danced a lively jig. As a result, the three purses containing the notes were shaken out of the satchel.

Three sailors picked up this little fortune and hurried with it to the police station. They found the owner already there, weeping bitterly, and little imagination is needed to picture the scene of demonstrative gratitude that followed.

Think on These Things

ONE night, after the resurrection of their Master, some of the disciples were fishing on the Lake of Galilee.

They had worked hard all that night and caught nothing. Then suddenly they saw Jesus on the shore, and when they recognised Him He told them to throw out the net on the other side of the ship. They did so, and drew in a great shoal of fish.

In the same way we have to acknowledge the presence of Jesus in our working life. We must not think that religion is just saying our prayers, and going to church, though these things, too, are important. But our religion is our whole life which goes on at home, at school, and at work, as well as in church.

If we recognise Him as the disciples did, the risen Jesus comes to us in our work.

O. R. C.

JUST AN IDEA

As Sydney Smith wrote: We know nothing of tomorrow; our business is to be good and happy today.

The Editor's Table

Way out

RAIDING the larder is a time-honoured practice of the young, and usually the only risk involved is a telling-off from mother.

But in many homes the old-fashioned larder has given place to the refrigerator, and in America the fridges (like so many other things) are on a big scale. Consequently there have been unfortunate cases of children getting trapped in them through the door slamming.

So the U.S. Department of Commerce has now made an order that all new refrigerators sold after a certain date next year must have doors that can be opened from the inside.

A poet and his trees

IHAVE written many verses, but the best poems I have produced are the trees I planted on the hillside that overlooks the broad meadows. Nature finds rhymes for them in the recurring measures of the seasons. Winter strips them of their ornaments and gives them, as it were, in prose translation; and summer clothes them in all the splendour of their leafy language.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

THEY SAY...

WE have eyes to see and a heart to care and we ought to develop the art of noticing all that goes on around us.

The Bishop of Coventry

I NEVER apologise for the British Empire, and I don't advise any of you to apologise either.

Professor C. E. Carrington, to teachers at a conference of Commonwealth Studies

GIVEN time to overcome our early enthusiasm, the people of this country will believe and accept that in the printed word found in the Press of this country will be found education and information and stimulation which is absent from those other and newer media.

Dr. Charles Hill

BRTAIN should let the world know of her achievements. She has a great story to tell and it is her duty to tell it.

Lord Chandos

ENGLISH goods have certain qualities, a dignity and solidity which makes them recognisable from foreign products.

Professor P. Sargent Florence, of Birmingham University

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

- His remark was *ominous*.
A—Made me laugh.
B—Meant no good.
C—Made no sense.
- Most English people are *literate*.
A—Able to read.
B—Law-abiding.
C—Truthful.
- Our house is *primitive*.
A—Old and inconvenient.
B—New and up-to-date.
C—Neat and tidy.
- This shop sells *miscellaneous* goods.
A—Of best quality.
B—Of various kinds.
C—From overseas.
- Our enemies may *divide* us.
A—Conquer us.
B—Laugh at us.
C—Avoid us.
- Rural* life appeals to me.
A—Travelling around.
B—Regular hours.
C—Far from the town.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, May 28, 1927

PEOPLE say in Europe that there is no use making rules about how to fight a war, because the side that is getting beaten will always break the rules rather than go down.

But in China they make rules and keep them—no one ever seems to win or lose there.

It seems that one of the strictest rules of war in China is not to fight when it is raining. All Chinese soldiers carry umbrellas, and of course it is rather difficult to fight when one is holding an umbrella up.

But one day recently a Chinese general actually attacked an enemy while it rained. His opponent lodged a strong complaint, and it was decided that the battle did not count and must be fought again. And fought it was next day, to everyone's satisfaction.

Out and About

WHEREVER rabbits were once too plentiful but are now quite scarce, the birds and animals which hunted them have had to look in other directions for food. It looked like a simple example of changing "the balance of Nature."

Such questions are being increasingly studied all over the world and this branch of knowledge dealing with where and how animals live is called ecology, from a Greek word meaning "house." In countries where rabbits used to be too numerous a great many changes have been reported.

The chain of events goes back to the original disturbance due to over-population by rabbits. This has been understood since the rabbit populations declined, because "nature" has been busy repairing the damage they did.

MORE FLOWERS

Although the biggest changes noticed have been in some other countries, it is known already that in Britain farm crops have improved, and more flowers and grass grow in certain areas that formerly were thinly covered.

It has been found—in France and Australia particularly—that a revival of grass and other herbs has started to improve soil which was becoming very poor. In France formerly rich forest areas which were turning into thin heathlands and moorland because rabbits used to select the best seedling trees to browse on, are now being restored.

When you restore the herbage that the land can grow, you not only have more flowers and trees, but more insect life, which in turn affects animals and birds. It is not only a question of having fewer rabbits. The nations are learning of the damage done by human beings to natural resources in the polluting of rivers by factories, in recklessly cutting down trees and exposing the soil to floods, and the destruction, not to mention ugliness, caused by vast slagheaps and surface mining, and many other grim consequences of industry.

PROTECTING NATURE

Everybody, fortunately, will be thinking and talking about such things in a few weeks when a big report by experts of 40 nations is published. It is being issued by our own Nature Conservancy on behalf of the International Union for the Protection of Nature.

In some directions Britain has been in the vanguard of planned nature study. One example which few people seem to know about is the work done since 1954 by the Botanical Society of the British Isles. They are trying to record on maps all the flowering plants and ferns in every locality. The headquarters of the Society is at the Cambridge Botanic Gardens. Help is coming from many botanists, and amateurs can volunteer also.

C. D. D.



OUR HOMELAND

The Bishop's Palace, now used as the Cathedral School, at Salisbury, Wiltshire

WHIPSNADE'S FIRST WHITSUN

WHIPSNADE—The immense Whitsun holiday crowds which came here today to see this new 550-acre Zoo caused a headache for the traffic authorities and a gigantic hold-up on the London-Luton railway.

In all, no fewer than 27,000 people visited Whipsnade today. The trains from London were so crowded that the police had to order railway bookings to Luton to be stopped. At Luton the single-decker buses could not cope with the crowds, and hundreds of people found it quicker to walk the seven miles to Dunstable Downs rather than wait for transport.

However, the experiment of letting the animals roam about in the open air and natural surroundings proved immensely popular with the crowds despite all the hardships of the journey. And it seems that the animals were just as pleased to see the visitors.

"NESTING" BEARS

During the six months they were in their enclosure before the Zoo opened last Saturday, the bears had been listless and moody. But now, at the sight of visitors, they are brightening up every hour.

The Bears' Den was in fact one of today's most popular attractions. There was much amusement as the animals started gathering twigs and branches which they put on top of the small lopped trees. Then they

set about arranging them to their liking to create a "nest."

Not only the bears, but all the animals overcame their shyness, and in holiday mood made friends with the visitors. In fact, Nurjahar, the elephant from Regent's Park Zoo in London, actually sat down to await passengers.

A popular spot with the crowds was the path between the bear and wolf enclosures. Here the wolves had a dark pine wood all to themselves. Arrangements are now being made for a bigger wolf pack to be brought there.

SALT LICKS

Many of the visitors were puzzled by the brick-like slabs attached to trees all over the grounds. These are "mineral licks" supplying the salts which many animals need to add to their normal diet.

The Whipsnade Zoo, a rural colony of Regent's Park Zoo and ten times as big, is also a sanctuary for British wild birds. It is situated in beautiful parkland country on the border of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. It extends over 550 acres and is three miles round.

A Zoo official said that there was room for ten times as many visitors. "Today London Zoo had 68,000 visitors. Yet one of our fields alone is as big as the whole London Zoo."

Keep a look out for the hoopoe

In the last year or two increasing numbers of people in Britain have caught sight of a bird that is more often seen in India, Ethiopia, and Southern Europe. It is the hoopoe, a bird with barred black and white wings, a long curved bill, impressive crest, and pinkish-brown body.

Last year more than eleven hoopoes were seen in Hampshire. Sixteen more were watched in Sussex, mainly in the spring and early autumn. One observer who reported a hoopoe on the lawn was Viscount Hailsham, the Minister of Education.

Those who have the luck to see one of these rare birds should make quite certain they have identified it correctly and promptly inform a local naturalist, or perhaps the nearest museum. Then keep it dark. For only if the birds are not disturbed will these lovely creatures join the ranks of our regular breeding birds.



Hoopoe feeding its young (photo by Eric Hoskins)

IN THE SCOTT COUNTRY

A delightful guide to one of Britain's most romantic regions is The Border Counties, the latest in The Queen's Scotland series, edited by Theo Lang (Hodder and Stoughton, 18s.). It describes Peeblesshire, Berwickshire, Selkirkshire, Roxburghshire, and Dumfriesshire.

This is the country of Sir Walter Scott. In these wooded valleys between breezy, billowing hills he found the material for his romances; at Abbotsford, his famous home, we can still enter his study and stand by his worn leather chair.

It is also the land of Burns, as we are reminded in the chapter on Dumfries. To this pleasant town the poet came as excise officer in 1791. Here he wrote nearly 100 of his most popular ballads.

GRIM MEMORIES

But this Borderland also has grim memories. In days of old this tranquil and beautiful countryside saw bitter fighting between Scots and English, and there is hardly a place without some story of bitter conflict.

The Borderland's history, however, is far from one of continual strife; there are many anecdotes of odd happenings, like the one about the eccentric Duke of Queensberry. In the 17th century he built himself a splendid Renaissance palace, Drumlanrig, which is still one of the show places of Scotland. But when he arrived there he was unwell, and as no suitable doctor could be found in this out-of-the-way place, His Grace left in a temper, never to return. His palace had taken ten years to build, and he stayed there only one night!

The Border Counties is far more than a guide book; it can be read with pleasure by those unlikely to visit the places described; though after reading it they will want a closer acquaintance with this land which is so rich in heroic tradition and curious legend.

The Stationers are 400 Years Old

The City of London can claim that its Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers is now over 400 years old. This City Company received a Royal Charter in May 1557, though there had been a Guild of Stationers a long time before that. They supplied scribes, or professional writers, with parchment and book-binding materials before printing was invented.

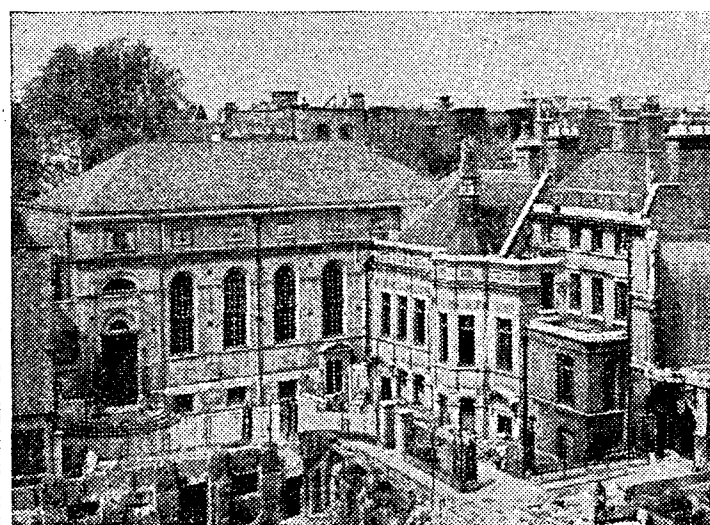
The Stationers' Company took its present name in 1933 after amalgamating with the Newspaper Makers' Company. Before various

First Folio edition of his works (1623). Another was Dr. Johnson's Dictionary (1755).

Stationers' Hall, the Company's home, is just off Ludgate Hill, close to St. Paul's and only a few minutes' walk from the C.N. office. It was put up after the Great Fire of 1666, and builders are now completing repairs to the part damaged by bombs in 1940.

Although being registered there no longer affects copyright, many publications are still "Entered at Stationers' Hall" every year.

Like other Livery Companies—



Stationers' Hall, London

copyright laws cancelled its privileges, the Company had a monopoly of printing and publishing certain works, including Bibles and almanacs. A member could become owner of any book entered in its register, it being assumed he had received it by gift or purchase from the author.

One of these unlucky authors was Milton, whose Paradise Lost was "Entered at Stationers' Hall" (1667). Among other entries in the register were: Arcadia (1588) by Sir Philip Sidney; Shakespeare's Venus and Adonis (1593), and the

ancient associations of tradesmen and craftsmen authorised to wear a special uniform or livery—the Stationers maintain many charitable funds. Thomas Guy, who founded Guy's Hospital, was a member. A school with low fees, intended chiefly for sons of Freemen and Liverymen, was founded by the Company in Bolt Court, Fleet Street, 99 years ago. In 1893 it was moved to a bigger building in Hornsey, and there the Stationers' School still flourishes, though nowadays it is free. It has nearly 500 pupils. R. L. M.



Mother and babies

Chatka the Kodiak bear and her two cubs are great favourites with visitors at Whipsnade Zoo. The cubs are now nearly four months old and Mother still gives them a lot of attention.

DAYS IN THE HUT COUNTRY

EXPLORING IN A GRASSY JUNGLE

"But, Hut Man," said Iain, "isn't it lazy to lie here doing nothing on such a glorious day?"

The twins and I had been stretched on Rocky Hillside gazing into the blue of a perfect May sky, but it is seldom they allow me to enjoy such peace for more than five minutes.

"Well, we've nothing else we should be doing at the moment," I tried to explain, "so we're not being lazy."

"Oh, I know, Hut Man," said Betty, "but it does seem such a shame not to be really enjoying such a lovely afternoon!"

"Betty," I assured her, "I'm thoroughly enjoying this lovely afternoon; that is, I was enjoying it until my companions became restless!"

THE LAZY EXPLORERS

The twins immediately became delightfully apologetic. "We didn't wish to disturb you," Betty assured me; while Iain concluded: "Of course not. We only thought that p'raps you'd like to do some exploring."

"Right, then," I agreed. "Let's do some!"

"But if you'd rather rest here a bit longer," said Iain, "well, of course. Betty and I—I mean, we'll be—"

"Ever so happy to rest here, too!" finished his sister.

"Well, to please everybody, why not rest here and go exploring at the same time?" I asked, at the same time rolling over.

The twins followed my example till we were all three lying stretched out, heads resting on hands and eyes just above the grass.

"What now?" asked Iain.

"Now we go exploring in the mysterious jungle of the grass," I replied.

"Och, Hut Man," Iain exclaimed, "d'you really mean that there's a sort of jungle in the grass—in this grass?"

"Let's explore and see," I suggested. "Let's all peer down into it, and I'll be surprised if we don't make discoveries."

So there we lay, looking down into the cool green spaces between the grasses, while the sunshine warmed our backs and a skylark sang his May song far above. At first all we could see was the labyrinth of passages among the tangled stems, but after three minutes Betty said excitedly: "Why, Iain, d'you see—way down there at the foot of the grass blades. Why, there are ever so many of the queerest, tiniest wee flowers growing!"

"Not really flowers, Betty," I said. "Those are little mosses that never raise their heads above the grass."

"They're just everywhere," Iain exclaimed. "Now my eyes have grown used to looking down into the grass."

"That's it, Iain," I agreed. "We're so used to looking at more distant things that it takes a little time to focus our eyes to this grassy world just below us. But in a moment or two we'll—"

TOILER AMONG THE STEMS

"Oh, Hut Man! Iain!" interrupted Betty. "The most gorgeous wee creature; Look, look quickly—here!"

Iain and I wriggled forward, peering down into the same square foot of hillside turf, and she pointed out a tiny beetle, as green as the grass, toiling through the twisted stems. In little open spaces the sun caught it and glinted from golden specks which seemed to dust its green wing-shields.

I pointed out the delicate angled feelers or antennae which proved that the little beetle was one of the

family known as weevils, and we watched its slow progress till Iain broke the silence with a fresh discovery. "Ho, look, everyone! A wee pink worm twisting through that mossy bit down there!"

"Isn't it active!" Betty exclaimed.

"But what's this?" I asked. "Look, down beside that tiny red tuft of moss there. See it?"

"A wee spider!" said Betty; and her brother added: "What a wee beauty, too! Black and white like—like a zebra!"

"And that's its name, Iain," I told him. "It's a Zebra Spider. I usually find them on old walls or fences where they wait for flies, so this one must be off on a search for a new hunting-ground."

THE TINY NAVIGATOR

It was then that the red worker ant appeared, impatient at the stems and blades obstructing her path. Up one stem she ran till she was in the sunshine high above the surrounding grass; then, bending under her weight, the tip drooped and drooped, the wanderer slipped, fell three inches into the depths of the undergrowth, and then, hurrying to the next nearest blade, once more began a laborious climb.

I explained to the twins that she would be returning, perhaps with a nectar-filled crop, to the ant city under some nearby stone, and we all three marvelled at the tiny navigator which could find her path through such a tangle of, for her, gigantic stems.

After fifteen minutes' grass-gazing we had discovered twice that number of equally fascinating little turf-dwellers. "I'd never have believed that so many wee creatures were to be found among the grass of old Rocky Hillside!" exclaimed Iain.

"And, you see," I said, "we were able to rest and to explore at the same time, after all."



Hold on tight—it's slippery

For the first few trips on a pair of skates a helping hand is a great comfort. That is what Yvonne Pavitt (left) and Linda Bevis, two determined six-year-olds, found when they ventured onto the Streatham Ice Rink with Michael Jelley, a veteran of ten. They are all enjoying a Children Only session when there is nobody to bump into except people of more or less their own size.

B-P's STORY IN PICTURES

THIS is a year in which there is special remembrance of Lord Baden-Powell throughout the whole world. Last February was the 100th anniversary of his birth, and next August sees the 50th anniversary of the Scouts.

The CN has already saluted his memory, and next week (on this page) we shall begin a further tribute in a picture-story of his life.

The story of B-P's life has been told before, and will be told again and again, for few men have

crammed more adventure and variety into a long span of years.

A brave and resourceful soldier who at the bottom of his heart was a man of peace, B-P was, above all, a man who loved to share adventures with others. Certainly he was one of the best friends, as well as one of the finest examples, youth ever had.

We are sure that CN readers will enjoy our picture-story of his life from the time when he was a bounds-breaking schoolboy to his last days in Kenya.

FOUNDERS OF A NATION—new picture-version of the Pilgrim Fathers' story (Final Instalment)



The New England Colonies combined for their common defence against the marauding Pequot Indians. Their Narraganset friends led them to the enemy's main stronghold, which the settlers and their Indian allies stealthily surrounded. They made a surprise attack, and forced the defenders to take refuge in a swamp. This, too, was surrounded, and the Pequots surrendered. Their chief fled.



Towns grew rapidly, and in 1639 New England's first printing press was set up at Cambridge, the first thing to be printed being the Freeman's oath. In the same year America's oldest university, Harvard, was built at Cambridge. It was named after a Puritan minister, John Harvard, who had died not long before, leaving money for the foundation of the College, and bequeathing his library of some 300 books to it.



In 1675 a terrible war broke out when Indians under a leader called King Philip attacked English settlements—the Redskins being now plentifully supplied with firearms. After a fierce battle, New England troops captured the Indians' fortress at a cost of 65 soldiers killed and 150 wounded. The Indian warriors were not finally subdued until 1678, by which time hundreds of settlers had been massacred.



By the end of the 17th century New England was a prosperous country, and Boston a large and thriving port. The original settlement of Plymouth had not grown to the same extent, and in 1692 was taken over by the Massachusetts Bay Colony. But it was the steadfast courage and endurance of the Mayflower Pilgrims that had founded the new nation. Many Americans today are proud to be descended from them.

Next week a picture-version of Lord Baden-Powell's life starts on this page

TAKE JENNINGS, FOR INSTANCE

by Anthony Buckeridge

During a Natural History Club expedition, Jennings and Darbishire discover an island in the middle of the river. They see some rowing boats for hire, and Jennings suggests they should cross to the island to explore for signs of wild life.

5. Change of plan

"Go by boat!" Darbishire gazed at his friend in wide-eyed admiration. "I say, that's a lobsterous wheeze, Jennings! We'd have to get per. from Mr. Carter, of course, and he'd probably say there wasn't time, or something crazy."

Even as he spoke the distant sound of a referee's whistle broke on the air. "Oh, fishhooks! That means we've got to go back already. I knew we should never be able to do it," he lamented.

But Jennings was determined not to abandon his idea completely. "We'll have to go another time then, that's all," he decided as they retraced their steps along the river bank.

"But there may not be another time," Darbishire objected. "Mr. Carter may not bring us here again."

The bold plan

"Then we'll jolly well come by ourselves. We'll fox out one half holiday when the coast's clear and leave our bikes at the landing stage and hire a rowing boat."

"Crystallised cheesecakes!" Darbishire was appalled by the boldness of the plan. Supposing somebody saw them! Supposing they were caught! Supposing—He heaved a sigh of resignation and gave up supposing. It was useless to argue with Jennings when once his mind was made up. In any case, there was always the hope that they would have no chance to carry out this risky plan.



Jennings vainly tried to bring the craft under control

So many of Jennings' brilliant brainwaves suffered this fate that there was no point in worrying unduly about what might never happen.

Quite by chance, however, Jennings saw an opportunity of going ahead with his scheme sooner than he had expected. On the following Saturday the Linbury Court 2nd XI were due to play a home match against Bracebridge School. The list of the team was posted up on the notice board on Thursday.

JENNINGS TO APPEAR ON TV

ALL readers of this serial will be interested to learn that Jennings is to go on BBC Television, writes our Broadcasting Correspondent, Ernest Thomson. As an experiment, there will be eight episodes, starting in the Autumn.

David Davies, who has looked after Jennings' progress down the years in Children's Hour, told me how delighted he was the other day when TV producer Pharic McLaren, attracted by the continued success of the Anthony Buckeridge serial in Request Week, dropped in to discuss ways and means of transferring it to TV.

"We can't be certain, of course, that even the best radio feature will ring the bell on TV," said David. "Jennings is a swift-moving show, giving full scope for listeners' imagination. We shall just have to see whether the pace can be kept up in a TV version."

I understand that Geoffrey Wincott and Wilfred Babbage will be seen in their regular roles as Mr. Carter and Mr. Wilkins, but the casting of the boys' parts is still not settled.

One thing is certain—there will be no clash between radio and TV. "Jennings on TV is timed to start after the finish of our present Children's Hour run," said David.

and as soon as he had scanned the names Jennings trotted off to find Darbishire.

"Listen, Darbi. I'm not playing on Saturday. Mr. Carter's put Atkinson in the team instead of me," he announced.

"Cool! Mouldy chizz!" said Darbishire staunchly. "Atki's batting is chronic, and he's about as much use at square leg as a flat-footed hedgehog."

"I know, but that's not the point. Don't you see, it'll give us a chance to go off and explore our island. We'll get per. to cycle down to the village, and then, instead of coming straight back, we'll beetle off to the valley."

"But what if someone finds out?" Darbishire demanded.

"They won't. They'll all be so busy watching the match that no one will bother about us when once it's started. It'll be all right, Darbi, don't you worry."

All day long on Friday the rain poured down in torrents. By the evening puddles had formed all over the cricket square, and though

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear, Mr. Carter was doubtful whether the pitch was really fit for use. He was reluctant to cancel the match as the boys were looking forward to it eagerly, so, in order to avoid dashing their hopes too soon, he decided to say nothing of his fears about the state of the ground until he had made a further inspection after lunch.

Jennings and Darbishire had no idea that the pitch might prove to be unusable when at two o'clock that afternoon they sought permission from Mr. Wilkins to cycle in to Linbury village.

"Yes, all right; and mind you come straight back. All boys not playing are to watch the match," the duty master told them.

The two boys wasted no time, and in a matter of minutes they were pedalling down the drive on the first stage of their excursion.

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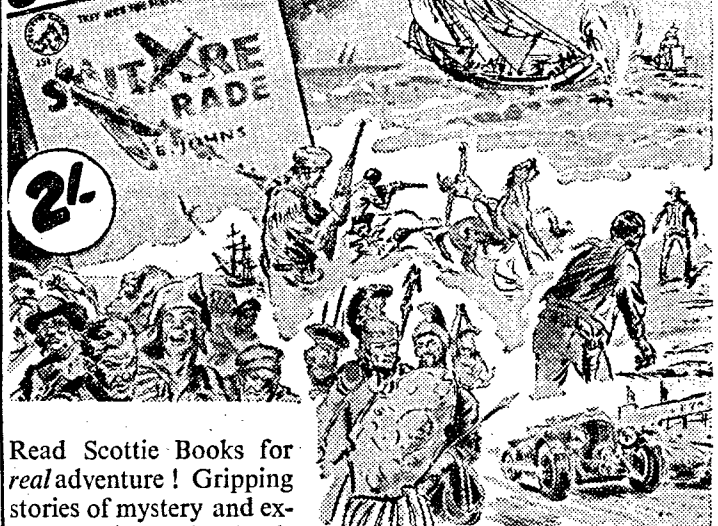
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SPORTS SHORTS

THIS weekend the European amateur boxing championships start in Prague, and England, Scotland, and Wales are sending separate teams. England's two former European champions, Tommy Nicholls and Nicky Gargano, have both retired, and will not defend their titles, and only Dick McTaggart of our Olympic medal winners has not yet turned professional. Having already boxed for England, Mac, who comes from Dundee, is not eligible to represent Scotland.

ROY GILCHRIST, the young West Indies fast bowler who was practically unknown when he came to this country for the present tour, might never have achieved eminence in cricket if he had not seen Freddie Trueman, of Yorkshire, bowling for the M.C.C. in Jamaica in 1955. He was then an off-spinner with a works team, but last October he played his first match for Jamaica—as a fast bowler.

Walking double

NORMAN READ, the Sussex-born New Zealand athlete, who won the 50,000 metres walk at the Melbourne Olympics, recently set up an amazing double. He won the New Zealand national 20,000 metres walk, and then next day won the 50,000 metres walk. A few days later he was named as New Zealand's Sportsman of the Year.

INDIA is making great efforts to raise the standard of her athletes. Fred Perry has already agreed to visit the country to give tennis instruction, and Victor Barna will again be coaching the table-tennis teams. From America, the authorities are hoping to get famous coaches of athletics and basketball, from England a soccer coach, and from Russia experts in volley ball and gymnastics.

ENGLAND schoolboys will be playing their first-ever soccer match on the Continent this Wednesday. They will be playing Germany at Stuttgart before the Germany v. Scotland senior international.

Record-breakers

"THE Mile of the Century" is a phrase which has been used several times in the past; but certainly it might be applied to the race which is to take place on Friday at Los Angeles. No fewer than six four-minute milers will be running. They are England's Derek Ibbotson and Brian Hewson, Australia's Jim Bailey and Mervyn Lincoln, Ron Delaney of Ireland, and Lazo Tabori of Hungary. All six will be attempting to beat John Landy's world record of 3 minutes 58 seconds.

LESLIE JACKSON, Derbyshire's fast bowler, takes his benefit in the match against Yorkshire starting on Saturday at Chesterfield. Hailing from Whitwell, he made his debut for the county side in 1947, and two years later gained a Test cap against New Zealand.

There's one drawback, says Mike

MICHAEL LINDSAY, 18-year-old pupil at St. Marylebone School, is finding a drawback to being Britain's brightest hope for future field events. Naturally, Mike has to spend a lot of time at prac-



tice—and that means a lot of hard work to catch up on his studies.

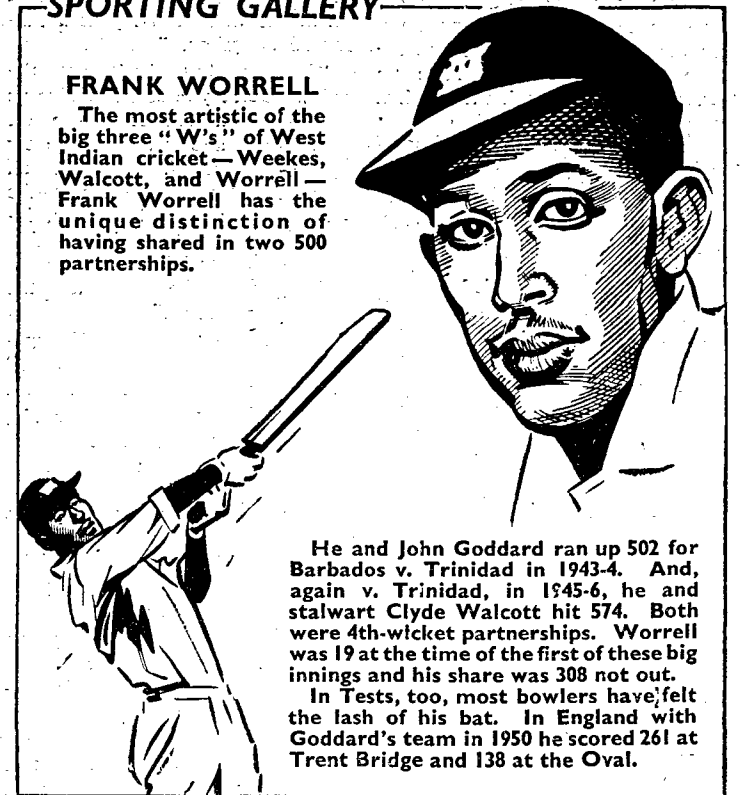
In the London v. Paris schools event Mike set up a new world junior record when he whirled his discus 193 feet 5 inches. During practice he has reached 212 feet.

THE West Indies cricketers meet Yorkshire at Sheffield this Wednesday. On their last visit to this country, in 1950, the tourists won both their games against Yorkshire, a fine performance. When the West Indies go to Trent Bridge on Saturday, for their match with Notts., Everton Weekes will have happy memories of the corresponding game during the 1950 tour, when he scored 279.

SPORTING GALLERY

FRANK WORRELL

The most artistic of the big three "W's" of West Indian cricket—Weekes, Walcott, and Worrell—Frank Worrell has the unique distinction of having shared in two 500 partnerships.



He and John Goddard ran up 502 for Barbados v. Trinidad in 1943-4. And, again v. Trinidad, in 1945-6, he and stalwart Clyde Walcott hit 574. Both were 4th-wicket partnerships. Worrell was 19 at the time of the first of these big innings and his share was 308 not out.

In Tests, too, most bowlers have felt the lash of his bat. In England with Goddard's team in 1950 he scored 261 at Trent Bridge and 138 at the Oval.

ONLY 15, Roger Heaman, of Fairfield Grammar School, Bristol, is an outstanding road time trials cyclist. A member of the Western Road Club, he recently covered 25 miles in 9 seconds under the hour, claimed to be a record for a cyclist of his age. But Roger is unlikely to appear in many trials during the next year or two, as he is studying for his G.C.E. and hopes to be a civil engineer.

Rugby players off to Australia

AT the end of the month 18 British Rugby League footballers will leave by air for Australia to take part in the second R.L. World Cup Competition between Australia, New Zealand, France, and Great Britain. The Cup has been held by Britain since 1954.

The British team will be captained by Alan Prescott, the St. Helens forward, with Phil Jackson of Barrow as vice-captain. The youngest member of the "Lions" party will be Austin Rhodes, the St. Helens half-back, who gets an international cap before he has even played for his county team.

LEEDS Rugby League club will have an American playing for them next season. Art Kirkland, 23-year-old centre three-quarter, comes from Bakersfield, California, and played for America against Australia in 1953. In 1955 he spent a season with the Sydney club, Parramatta.

CONGRATULATIONS to the St. Philip's Junior School soccer team who won Mansfield's triple crown during the past season. They gained the Freer Cup, the Lowth Cup, and the Junior League Championship, in each competition beating their rivals, Broomhill School.

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TAKE JENNINGS, FOR INSTANCE

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bulky ones. And if you and Wilkins can manage the rest in your cars, that will solve the problem of transport."

"Yes, I'll see to that right away." Mr. Carter strode briskly to the door, anxious to lose no time in announcing the change of plan. On the threshold he turned and said: "It should be a good match. I think we shall just beat them if our chaps are up to their usual form."

"Let's hope so. Still, we mustn't be over-confident," the headmaster replied. "The afternoon may yet produce an unexpected surprise."

In one respect the headmaster was right. There was certainly a surprise in store, but it had nothing to do with cricket.

Destination reached

For two or three miles Jennings and Darbshire followed the route they had taken on the Nature Club excursion the previous week. Then they made a short detour and crossed a bridge in order to reach the far side of the river. Shortly before three o'clock they pulled up by the mooring stage and parked their bicycles against the side of the boathouse.

"Four shillings per hour," Jennings nodded at the notice advertising boats for hire. "Hand over your contribution, Darbi, and I'll go and find the boatman."

Darbshire looked blank. "My contribution? I thought you were

paying for this. After all, it's your famous scheme, isn't it?"

"Yes, I dare say, but it's only fair for you to pay half. Two shillings each, I thought."

"Well, you're going to be unlucky. I haven't got any money on me."

Jennings stared at his friend in dismay. "You are a rotter, Darbi. You might have said so before."

A deal is done

"How was I to know? You never said anything to me about paying, and I thought—"

"All right—all right. We'll have to make do with my two shillings, that's all. We'll hire the boat for half an hour instead."

Darbshire's conscience continued to trouble him as the boatman was untying their craft from the mooring post.

"I don't think we ought to go on with this, Jen," he said in worried tones. "Suppose the Head or Old Wilkie or someone decided to come for a walk along the river?"

"How could they? They're all back at school watching the 2nd XI play Bracebridge." The information, though inaccurate, was given in good faith, and Darbshire was obliged to search his mind for some further excuse to offer.

"I'm not much good at handling boats—practically a landlubber, you might say," he twittered nervously. "And the shipping forecast on the wireless this morning

was terrible. Gales in the Irish Sea, high winds off the coast of Scotland, poor visibility in—"

"Don't you worry, son. You'll barely get round the bend and back again in half an hour, let alone row to Scotland," the boatman chimed in as he held the boat steady for the boys to step aboard. "Now, then, which of you is going to do the rowing?"

"I am," said Jennings, lurching clumsily down on to the seat in a way that made the little boat rock dangerously from side to side. "It's my two shillings, so I'm jolly well entitled to take command."

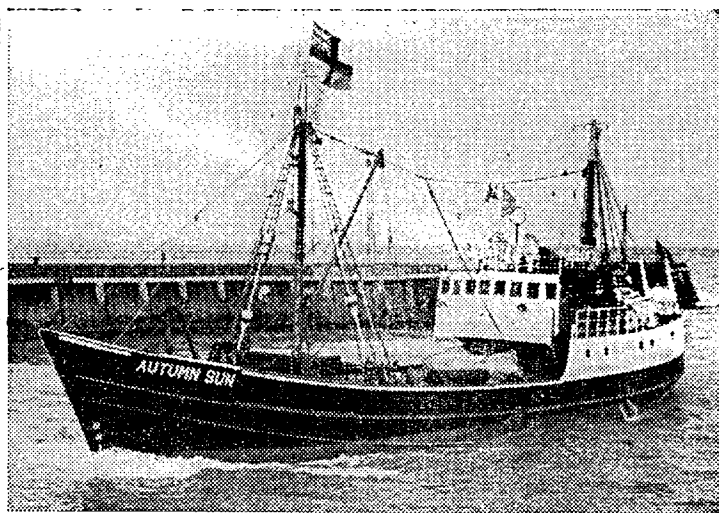
In small circles

With some misgiving Darbshire stepped gingerly aboard and sat down opposite his friend. The boatman gave them a push which sent them out into midstream, where for some moments they spun round and round in small circles, while Jennings vainly tried to bring the craft under control.

Darbshire watched his efforts with concern. As they drifted back towards the bank in a haphazard fashion he said: "I say, Jen, you're not much cop at rowing, if you don't mind my saying so."

Jennings' expression was grim and determined. "I'll get the hang of it in a moment," he muttered. "After all, I've never rowed a boat before!"

Will Jennings "get the hang of it"?
See next week's episode



Yarmouth drifter built in Poland

Two drifters have been built in Poland for the Great Yarmouth herring fleet. The operations of gutting, salting, and packing the fish are all carried out on board instead of awaiting the vessel's arrival in harbour.

LEARNING TO DRAW

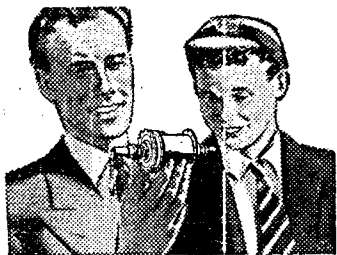
With patient practice nearly everyone can learn to draw. We are reminded of this fact in two new books: Adrian Hill's *What Shall We Draw?* (Blandford Press, 7s. 6d.), and L. A. Doust's *Simple Sketching* (Warne, 7s. 6d.).

Adrian Hill, well known for his TV broadcasts, starts with the average child's first effort—a face consisting simply of an oval with dots for eyes and lines for nose and mouth. From there he shows us how to elaborate the face, and

then how to try our hands at drawing more detailed pictures.

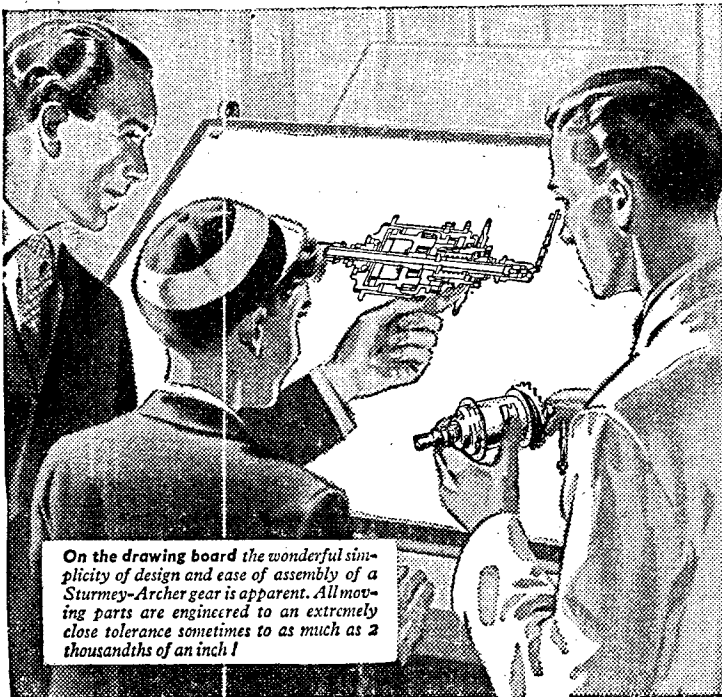
Mr. L. A. Doust, in his *Simple Sketching*, compares learning to draw with learning a language. First there is the "grammar," the basic shapes on which sketches are built, and then the "vocabulary," which is a number of simple drawings to be copied and memorised.

Intended for would-be sketchers of any age, these books should prove particularly useful for children learning to draw at school.



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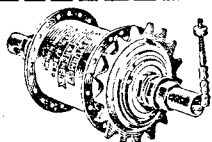
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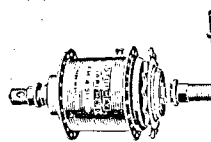
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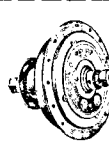
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NOT QUITE WHAT SHE MEANT

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"Oh, I don't think we need go to all that bother," his wife replied. "One of us is sure to be in the garden most of the time."

SPOT THE . . .

RED SQUIRREL as he races nimbly up the trunk of a tree. You will probably quickly lose sight of him, because squirrels make a habit of placing a tree's trunk between themselves and watchers.

These beautiful woodland sprites are smaller than one might think. An average specimen measures 15½ inches, but nearly half of this is



tail, and his long coat gives him a chubby appearance which is quite misleading.

Squirrels have chisel-like teeth with which they gnaw old fruit stones. Their front feet have four fingers and a thumb, and are especially suited to climbing, the palms being coated with hair to prevent skidding. The back feet have five toes, each with a strong curved claw. These lovely creatures do very little damage, especially when compared to the rascally grey squirrels.

BUZZING ALL DAY LONG

BUZZED a big bumble bee down at Dover:

"I am glad the long winter is over. Now I can spend hours With my friends the flowers, Pinks, roses, carnations, and clover."

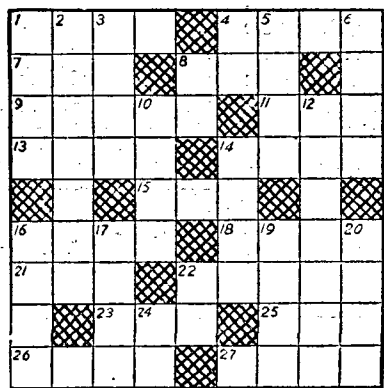
MUSICAL POSER

THE answers to the following clues are the names of musical instruments. Can you say what they are?

Call of an elephant; geometrical shape; part of the ear; part of the body; ice-cream holder.

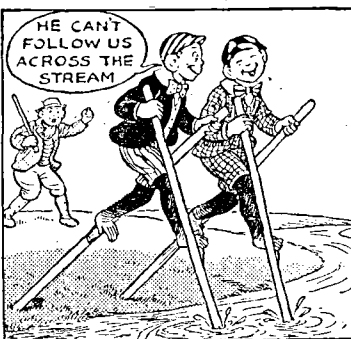
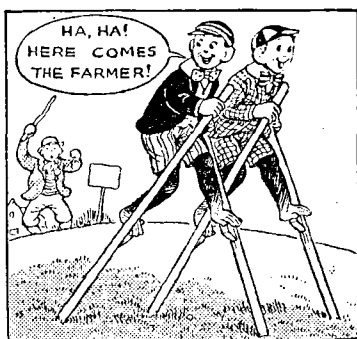
Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Raced. 4 Mountains. 7 Period of time. 8 It's cold! 9 Five will be played against the West Indians. 11 Limb. 13 Irish dish? 14 Large monkeys. 15 Hostel. 16 Obstacle. 18 Heroic poem or story. 21 Uneven. 22 Stated on oath. 23 Female hare or rabbit. 25 Write with it. 26 Throw. 27 Nuisance. READING DOWN. 1 Collections. 2 To make believe. 3 Comfort. 4 Alternating current. 5 Jump. 6 Problems in arithmetic. 8 Third person singular of to be. 10 Found on a branch. 12 Goes to bed. 14 Afresh. 16 Not hard. 17 Totals. 19 Head of the Roman Catholic Church. 20 American coin. 22 South-east. 24 Outsize.



Answer next week

THIS WILL TEACH JACKO AND CHIMP NOT TO TRESPASS



BEDTIME TALE

DAPPLE'S FIRST LESSON

Away in the Highlands the herds of Red Deer moved over the mountain slopes. There were herds of stags and herds of hinds, with their one and two-year-old calves.

But because it was the end of May, first one hind, then another, would quietly leave the herd and go away by herself among the heather and the birches to make a nursery.

So Reddy, who was to become the mother of Dapple, went away, too, to a sunny grove of birches. There she trampled down the heather until she had made a comfortable bed, and there at midnight her son Dapple was born.

First, she gave him a bath, licking his spotted coat carefully all over, then she left him to rest while she climbed higher up the hillside to feed.

She knew that he must not have any milk until next midday. So she grazed and watched, and watched and grazed as the hours went by.

THE REASON WHY

"PLEASE tell me why," asked the giraffe, "You were last from the Ark." "Because I had to pack my trunk!" Was the elephant's remark.

EASILY EXPLAINED

WHILE reading Tom's essay, teacher remarked: "Bless me, your essay entitled Our Dog is precisely the same as your brother's."

"Yes, miss," purred Tom. "It's about the same dog."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south-west, Venus and Mars are low in the west, and Saturn is low in the south-east. In the morning Saturn is in the south before sunrise. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at half-past six on Thursday morning, May 23.



FLOWER PUZZLE

The letters of the words printed in italics can be rearranged to spell the name of a lovely flower. Can you say which one?

THE rooks were making a great din. "Must be nesting time," remarked Pat during a slight lull in the hubbub. "They certainly seem to be very busy," agreed his sister.

MEN AND THEIR COUNTRIES

Here are the names of seven famous men and their nationalities. See if you can pair them rightly.

EDISON, Luther, Tolstoy, Milton, Ibsen, Rembrandt, Plato, Dutch, American, English, Russian, Norwegian, Greek, German.

The answers to these puzzles are given in column 5

THE POINT IS PROVED

TELEVISION will never replace newspapers. If you do not believe it, try swatting a fly with a television set.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Musical poser. Trumpet, triangle, drum, organ, cornet. Starting with cap. Cape, capable, capsize, captive, capstan, capacious, caper, captain, capital. Flower puzzle. Bluebell. Men and their countries. Edison, American; Luther, German; Tolstoy, Russian; Milton, English; Ibsen, Norwegian; Rembrandt, Dutch; Plato, Greek.

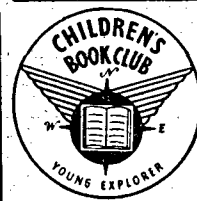
JUST A FEW WORDS

1. B Ominous means foretelling evil. (From omen—a sign of some future event.)
2. A Literate means able to read and write. (From Latin littera, a letter.) The opposite is illiterate.
3. A Primitive means belonging to the beginning, or to the first times and so ancient, old-fashioned or crude. (From Latin primus, first.)
4. B Miscellaneous means mixed or mingled; consisting of several kinds. (From Latin miscere, to mix.)
5. B To deride is to mock. (From Latin deridere, to laugh at.)
6. C Rural means concerning the country (as opposed to the town), e.g. rural district council. (From Latin rurs, of the country.)

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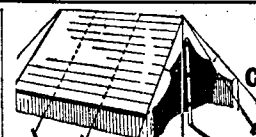
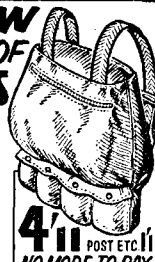
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